gineering products, footwear and footwear components;

(b) whether export of such sub-standard goods have adversely affected the country's reputation.

(c) whether Government have ordered any CBI enquiry in this regard; if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to withdraw this exemption;

(e) if so, by when; and

(f) if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) Some letter have been received expressing such misgivings. But no specific complaint as such has been received.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Exemption has been granted from compulsory preshipment inspection in the case of those exporters, like Star Trading Houses, Trading Houses and Export Houses considering that they have established their credentials in markets abroad.

GATT talks held in Brussels

102. SHRI SURESH KALMADI Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the GATT talks were recently held in Brussels; and

(b) if so, who represented India in those talks and what is the outcome thereof?

THS DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) to (d) Uruguay Round of Ministerial level meeting was held at Brussels on 3—7 December, 1990.

The following persons represented India in this context:—

1. Dr. Subramanian Swamy, Commerce Minister.

2. Shri S. P. Shukla, Commerce Secretary.

3. Shri B. K. Zutshi, Ambassador (GATT).

4. Shri A. Hoda, Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Commerce.

5. Shri Lalit Sharma, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce.

6. Shri P. Shankar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Texfiles.

7. Shri Atul Chaturvedi, Counsellor (GATT).

8. Shri Ashok Sajjanhar, First Secretary (GATT).

9. Ms Jayashree Watal, Dy. Secretary, Ministry of Industry.

In addition Dr. S. Vedaraman, former Controller-General of Patents, was an Adviser to the delegation. The delegation was also assisted by Shri Arjun Sengupta, Ambassador of India to EEC and other members of the Embassy Staff.

The Ministerial meeting failed to make definitive progress on any of the issues under discussion because of the stalemate in negotiations on trade in agriculture

Appointment of a Committee to probe into pending cases

103 SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 186 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd May, 1990 and state·

(a) whether the Committee constituted to probe into long pending cases in vari-